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2014 GRAY WOLF HUNTING SEASONS



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Resident Gray Wolf	\$18.00
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Gray wolf licenses are available at designated license selling agents throughout the state, Department Regional Offices, Cheyenne Headquarters and on the Department's electronic licensing website at http://wgfd.wyo.gov.

IMPORTANT HUNTER INFORMATION

DISCLAIMER: The following sections are a condensed summary of applicable wildlife laws and other important information. This summary is in no way intended to alter the content or statutory intent of those laws. If you have any questions regarding the precise language, you can view a copy of the Wyoming Game and Fish Department (Department) Statutes (Title 23) and Wyoming Game and Fish Commission (Commission) Regulations, available at Department Regional Offices, Cheyenne Headquarters or consult the following websites: http://wgfd.wyo.gov or http://legisweb.state.wy.us or http://legisweb.state.wy.us.

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AGE RESTRICTIONS. The minimum age to take any big or trophy game animal is twelve (12) years. Any person under the age of fourteen (14) years shall at all times when hunting be accompanied by a person over the age of majority (eighteen (18) years of age and older) who possesses and can exhibit a hunter safety certificate or who currently holds, or has been issued, a Wyoming big game hunting license within the last five (5) years. If the person accompanying the hunter under the age of fourteen (14) years is not the parent or guardian of the hunter, the hunter shall have in his possession a permission slip signed by his parent or guardian allowing him to hunt under supervision. Each accompanying adult shall supervise not more than one (1) hunter under the age of fourteen (14) years. Any person under the age of fourteen (14) years applying for a

license to hunt big or trophy game animals shall have the application for the license co-signed by his parent or legal guardian.

ARCHERY LICENSES; SPECIAL SEASONS. Archery equipment is legal to take game animals. No person shall hunt big game or trophy game animals with archery equipment during a special archery hunting season without first obtaining an archery license and the appropriate hunting license. No person holding an archery license shall take big game or trophy game animals during a special archery hunting season or during a limited quota archery season by the use of any type of firearm. When hunting antelope, bighorn sheep, black bear, deer, mountain goat, mountain lion or gray wolf where designated as a trophy game animal, an archery hunter shall use a longbow, recurve bow or compound bow of not less than forty (40) pounds draw weight. When hunting elk or moose, an archery hunter shall use a longbow, recurve bow or compound bow of not less than fifty (50) pounds draw weight. A crossbow hunter shall use a crossbow having a peak draw weight of at least ninety (90) pounds and a bolt of at least sixteen (16) inches in length. The broadhead used on arrows or bolts shall have a minimum cutting width of one (1) inch. Upon request by a game warden or other Wyoming law enforcement officer, a person who has taken a big or trophy game animal during a special archery hunting season or during a limited quota archery only hunting season shall allow testing of the animal's tissue for confirmation of compliance with this section.

BAG AND POSSESSION LIMITS. No person shall apply for or receive more than one (1) license for each big game or trophy game species during any one (1) calendar year, except as otherwise provided in Commission regulations. The maximum bag limit for big game animals and trophy game animals for any person with the proper licenses and permits shall not exceed the following number of animals: one (1) elk per license; one (1) moonse per license; one (1) bighorn sheep per license; one (1) mountain goat per license; one (1) antelope per license; one (1) deer per license; one (1) black bear per license; one (1) mountain lion per license; one (1) gray wolf per license.

BAIT RESTRICTIONS. No person shall take a game animal, game bird or game fish and use any parts thereof for bait to trap or poison any wildlife of Wyoming.

CHECK STATIONS. Every hunter, angler or trapper of furbearing animals shall stop and report at every check station on route to or from the hunting, fishing or trapping area, regardless if the person has wildlife in possession. Upon request of any authorized Department representative, anyone who has been hunting, fishing or trapping shall produce a valid license and conservation stamp, if required, and special management permit, if required, for game animals, game birds, furbearing animals or fish. Even if the game meat or fish in possession has been cut and wrapped or processed, the person transporting wildlife shall stop and report at the check station. Any person transporting wildlife harvested in another state or country shall stop at check stations on their route.

CLOSED AREAS. All areas within the state of Wyoming not opened by specific order of the Commission shall be closed to the taking of all big game animals, trophy game animals, small game animals, furbearing animals and game birds.

CLOTHING REQUIREMENTS. HUNTERS REQUIRED TO WEAR FLUORESCENT ORANGE CLOTHING. No person other than archers and crossbow hunters hunting during a special archery

season or limited quota archery only season shall hunt any big or trophy game animal without wearing in a visible manner one (1) or more exterior garments that shall include a hat, shirt, jacket, coat, vest or sweater of a fluorescent orange color. Fluorescent orange camouflage is legal. Muzzle-loader hunters participating in limited quota muzzle-loading seasons are required to meet the fluorescent orange requirements.

CONSERVATION STAMP REQUIRED. Each person licensed to hunt or fish in Wyoming shall purchase one (1) conservation stamp valid for the calendar year. The stamp shall be signed in ink and shall be in the possession of the person while HUNTING OR FISHING. Hunters or anglers who acquire a lifetime conservation stamp or a conservation stamp authorization from the Department's Electronic Licensing Service (ELS) shall not be required to meet the signature provision.

Persons holding the following licenses are exempt from the requirement to purchase a conservation stamp while exercising hunting or fishing privileges under THESE licenses:

- · Daily hunting or fishing license;
- · Special limited fishing permit holders;
- Wyoming fifty percent (50%) disabled veteran fishing license; or,
- · Licenses reissued to a veteran with disabilities

Persons holding the following licenses are exempt from the requirement to purchase a conservation stamp while exercising hunting or fishing privileges under ANY Wyoming license. The person shall, at all times, be in possession of the license allowing the conservation stamp exemption while in the field:

- · Any Wyoming pioneer hunting or fishing license;
- Wyoming one hundred percent (100%) disabled veteran game bird, small game and fishing license;
- Military combat general elk or general deer license; or,
- Military combat game bird or small game license.

Conservation stamps may be purchased from Cheyenne Headquarters, Department Regional Offices, license selling agents throughout the state and the Department's website at http://wgfd.wyo.gov. A lifetime conservation stamp may be purchased by applying to the Cheyenne Headquarters Office, License Section or any Department Regional Office.

DATING AND DISPLAY OF GAME ANIMAL CARCASS COUPONS. When any big game animal, trophy game animal or wild turkey

is killed under a license the licensee shall detach, sign and date the proper carcass coupon and attach the coupon to the carcass in a readily visible manner before leaving the site of the kill. When dating a carcass coupon, the entire day and month of the kill shall be completely cut out and removed. The carcass coupon shall remain on the game animal or wild turkey carcass at all times until the meat undergoes processing, or on the trophy game animal hide until it reaches the hunter's home or a taxidermist, except that during transportation of the carcass or hide, the coupon may be removed to prevent its loss. If the coupon is removed for transportation of the carcass or hide, it must be completely filled out and in the possession of the person accompanying the carcass or hide at all times. While quarters or pieces of an animal are being packed from the field, the carcass coupon shall remain with the person transporting the animal.

DEFINITIONS.

- "Archery equipment" means crossbows, longbows, recurve bows, compound bows and arrows.
- "Artificial light or lighting device" means any man-made light or lighting device that projects a light visible to the unaided eye outside of the device, or any battery-powered device that provides an enhanced ability to see in the dark.

 "Bag limit" means the maximum number of big game
- animals or trophy game animals that may be taken by an individual possessing a proper license.
- "Designated road" means only established roads that are marked with a white arrow sign as open to motor vehicles. Unmarked roads not marked with a white arrow sign are closed to motor vehicles.
- "Domicile" means that place where a person has his true, fixed and permanent home to which whenever the person is temporarily absent the person has the intention of returning. To prove domicile as required by Wyoming Statutes § 23-1-102 and § 23-1-107 a person shall be able to establish that he: physically resides in Wyoming; has made his permanent home in Wyoming; is not residing in Wyoming for a special or temporary purpose; and, has abandoned his domicile in all other states, territories or countries.
- "ELS" means the Department's Electronic Licensing Service.
 "Established road" means any road or trail that has been graded or constructed to carry motor vehicles or on which repeated motor vehicle traffic has created well-defined tracks. Established roads on Department managed lands, excluding lands enrolled in the PLPW Access Program, shall be marked with white arrow signs as open to motor vehicles. Established roads enrolled in the Department's PLPW Access Program are closed to motor vehicles unless
- designated as open to motor vehicles by Department sign. "General licenses" means big or trophy game or wild turkey licenses valid in any hunt area in which licenses have not been totally limited in number. General licenses shall be valid only under species, sex, age class and harvest limitations that are in effect for each hunt area.
- "License" means a document issued by the Department, through the authority of the Commission, to a qualified individual that grants certain privileges to take fish or wildlife in accordance with statutory or regulatory
- "Mortality" means any legal or illegal human-caused gray wolf death that occurs during an open hunting season, excluding gray wolves taken by the Department, gray wolves taken under the authority of W.S. § 23-3-115(c), gray wolves taken under Lethal Take Permits and known natural and accidental gray wolf deaths.
- "Nonresident" means any person not a resident.
- "Order" means orders, rules and regulations.
- "Permit" means a document that grants additional privileges to an individual who possesses the proper license(s) to carry out activities not authorized by the
- "Predacious bird" means English sparrow and starling.
- "Predatory animal" means coyote, jackrabbit, porcupine, raccoon, red fox, skunk, stray cat or gray wolf when located outside the Wolf Trophy Game Management Area and Seasonal Wolf Trophy Game Management Area as described in W.S. § 23-1-101(a)(xii)(B)(I) and (II).
- "Protected animal" means black-footed ferret, fisher, lynx,
- otter, pika or wolverine.

 "Public road or highway" means any roadway that is open to vehicular travel by the public. The road surface, the

area between the fences on a fenced public road or highway, and an area thirty (30) feet perpendicular to the edge of the road surface on an unfenced public road or highway shall be considered the public road or highway. Two-track trails on public lands are not public roads.

- "Regular hunting seasons" means seasons that delineate
 the dates and hunt areas for the taking of big game or
 trophy game animals with legal weapons in accordance
 with the license types and limitations as set forth in Section
 2 of Chapters 5 (Antelope), 6 (Deer), 7 (Elk), 8 (Moose),
 Sections 3 and 7 of Chapter 9 (Bighorn Sheep and
 Mountain Goat), Section 10 of Chapter 3 (Black Bear) and
 Section 4 of Chapters 42 (Mountain Lion) and 47 (Gray
 Wolf) of Commission regulations.
- "Resident" means a United States citizen or legal alien who
 is domiciled in Wyoming for at least one (1) full year
 immediately preceding making application for any resident
 game and fish license, preference point, permit or tag,
 shall not have claimed residency in any other state,
 territory or country for any other purpose during that one
 (1) year period, and meets the requirements specified in
 Wyoming Statutes § 23-1-102 and § 23-1-107.
- "Site of the kill" means the location where the harvested animal died.
- "Take" means hunt, pursue, catch, capture, shoot, fish, seine, trap, kill or possess, or attempt to hunt, pursue, catch, capture, shoot, fish, seine, trap, kill or possess.
- "Trophy game animal" means black bear, grizzly bear, mountain lion or gray wolves within the Wolf Trophy Game Management Area and Seasonal Wolf Trophy Game Management Area as described in W.S. § 23-1-101(a)(xii) (B)(I) and (II).

DISABLED HUNTER AND DISABLED HUNTER COMPANION PERMITS. Upon application and receipt of the proper permits, a disabled hunter may have a companion reduce to possession any animal a disabled hunter has lawfully wounded or killed under authority of a license when the disabled hunter is physically incapable of pursuing the animal. Contact any Department Regional Office for further information.

DUPLICATE AND REPLACEMENT LICENSE ISSUED UPON LOSS OR DESTRUCTION OF ORIGINAL; PURCHASE AND FEES. When any license issued has been lost or destroyed, the licensee may secure a duplicate of the original license from any Department Regional Office, Cheyenne Headquarters or designated license selling agents. A duplicate license shall be issued if the original license was issued through the Department's ELS and contained a carcass coupon. A replacement license shall be issued if the original license was issued through the Department's ELS and did not contain a carcass coupon. The licensee may secure a replacement license at Department Regional Offices, Cheyenne Headquarters and from license selling agents participating in the Department's ELS. The Department shall charge a fee of five dollars (\$5) for each duplicate or replacement license.

EMERGENCY CLOSURES. The Commission may institute an emergency closure to shorten the season in any area at any time if a harvest quota is reached or if an emergency arises warranting the closure. Should a closure become necessary after the season opens, no refunds will be given for unused licenses.

FALSE SWEARING, FRAUD OR FALSE STATEMENT PROHIBITED. No person shall procure or attempt to procure any license, tag or permit by false swearing, fraud or false statement of any kind or in any form.

GUIDES REQUIRED; EXCEPTIONS; ISSUANCE OF RESIDENT GUIDE LICENSE. No nonresident shall hunt big or trophy game animals on any designated wilderness area, as defined by federal or state law, in Wyoming unless accompanied by a licensed professional guide or a resident guide. There shall be at least one (1) licensed professional guide or resident guide accompanying each two (2) nonresident hunters. A resident guide shall not guide more than two (2) hunters in any calendar year on any national forest, wilderness area, national game refuge or national park. Any resident possessing a valid big or trophy game animal license shall apply for and receive a free resident guide license prior to guiding any nonresident in designated wilderness areas. A resident guide license may be obtained at no charge from Cheyenne Headquarters, Department Regional Offices and game wardens.

HUNTER SAFETY/MENTOR PROGRAM. Except as otherwise provided, no person born on or after January 1, 1966, may take wildlife by the use of firearms on land other than that of his own family, unless that person can demonstrate they have obtained a certificate of competency and safety in the use of handling firearms. Attendance and successful completion of a hunter safety course offered by an association or governmental agency approved by the Commission satisfies the hunter safety requirement.

Any active member, honorably discharged past member or veteran of the armed forces of the United States and any active member or retired Wyoming peace officer who has qualified pursuant to W.S. § 9-1-701 - § 9-1-707 are exempt from the hunter safety requirement. This hunter safety exemption is not valid for those hunting elk within Grand Teton National Park or for those participating in the Hunter Mentor Program.

A person who has not received a certificate of competency and safety in the use of handling firearms may apply to the Department for a special authorization to take wildlife with the use of a firearm while being accompanied by a person who is at least 18 years old, acting as a mentor, who possesses or can demonstrate he has successfully completed a hunter safety course and who possesses a valid Wyoming hunting license. A special authorization issued to an individual shall be valid for one (1) year from the date of issue and shall be in the possession of the recipient at all times while in the field. The application process may be completed on the Department's website (http://wgfd.wyo.gov). A mentor shall not provide supervision for more than one (1) person, other than immediate family members, at a time in the field and shall accompany the mentee at all times to provide constant supervision.

LEGAL FIREARMS FOR HUNTING BIG OR TROPHY GAME ANIMALS. When hunting bighorn sheep, elk, moose, mountain goat or black bear with a firearm, a hunter shall use any centerfire firearm of at least .24 caliber and firing a cartridge of at least two (2) inches in overall length. When hunting antelope, deer, mountain lion or gray wolf where designated as a trophy game animal, a hunter shall use any center-fire firearm of at least .22 caliber and having a bullet weight of at least sixty (60) grains and firing a cartridge of at least two (2) inches in overall length.

Big or trophy game animals may be taken with any other cartridge of at least .35 caliber and at least one and one-half (1.5) inches in overall length, or a cartridge that generally delivers at least five hundred (500) foot pounds of impact at one hundred (100) yards, or any shotgun firing "00" or larger buckshot, or a slug. Any muzzle-loading rifle or muzzle-loading handgun of at least .40 caliber using a charge of at least fifty

(50) grains of black powder or its equivalent may also be used to hunt big or trophy game animals. Any center-fire firearm or muzzle-loading firearm used to hunt big or trophy game animals shall fire a lead or expanding point bullet.

Firearms; automatic weapon and silencers. No person shall take any wildlife with any fully automatic weapon. Firearm silencers may be used during the legal taking of any game animal. Wyoming has no restrictive laws concerning firearms that may be legally possessed under the laws of one's home state. Firearms may be carried uncased in vehicles, although safety dictates that all firearms in a vehicle should be unloaded with the action open.

LICENSE EXPIRATION. Gray wolf licenses expire on the last day of the calendar year in which issued.

LICENSE FRAUD PROHIBITED, INVALIDATION BY IMPROPER FEES. Department licenses, permits, stamps, tags or coupons shall not be altered by anyone other than authorized Department personnel. No license, permit, stamp, tag or coupon shall be transferred or used for the purpose of taking wildlife except by the individual to whom it was issued and therein named and while in that individual's possession. No individual shall take or attempt to take any wildlife using another individual's license, permit, stamp, tag or coupon. Any license, tag, permit or stamp shall not be valid unless the proper fees have been received by the Department. Any Wyoming Game and Fish law enforcement officer may seize as evidence any license, tag, stamp or permit that was obtained in violation of Commission regulations or Wyoming statutes.

OUTFITTER INFORMATION:

- Hunter responsibility when booking an outfitter or professional guide. No person shall directly or indirectly compensate a person holding himself out as engaging in the business of, or acting in the capacity of, an outfitter or a professional guide unless that person provides proof that he is a licensed outfitter or professional guide as required by this act. Any person violating this statute is guilty of a misdemeanor. Before hiring an outfitter, the Department advises hunters to consult the Wyoming State Board of Outfitters and Professional Guides to verify the outfitter is licensed by the state of Wyoming. Hunters should also be aware landowners who outfit on their own deeded land, or deeded lands leased to them, are not required to be licensed as outfitters or guides. Contact: Wyoming State Board of Outfitters at 1950 Bluegrass Circle #280, Cheyenne, Wyoming, 82002 or call toll free 1-800-264-
- Placement of name of outfitter and outfitter's license number on the back of license. Any license holder utilizing the services of an outfitter shall legibly print the name of the outfitter, the outfitter's license number and the type of outfitter license on the back of licensee's big or trophy game license.

PERMISSION TO HUNT, FISH OR TRAP. No person shall enter upon the private property of any person to hunt, fish or trap without the permission of the owner or person in charge of the property. The license must bear the signature of the landowner, lessee or agent of the owner on whose private property the hunter is hunting or the legitimate proof as evidence that permission to hunt has been granted.

PRECAUTIONS WHEN HUNTING IN AREAS OCCUPIED BY GRIZZLY BEARS. Hunters and anglers are reminded that many

areas in and around the Bridger-Teton, Shoshone and Caribou-Targhee National Forests in northwest Wyoming are occupied by grizzly bears. The Department strongly recommends individuals working and recreating in these areas take precautions, including carrying bear pepper spray, to avoid conflicts with grizzly bears. Information about human safety in occupied grizzly habitat and proper storage of food and other attractants is available from Department Regional Offices, Cheyenne Headquarters, U.S. Forest Service Offices and the Department's website at http://wgfd.wyo.gov. Regulations concerning human activities in occupied grizzly habitat and food/carcass storage can be obtained from the U.S. Forest Service. Report conflicts with grizzly bears to the nearest Department Regional Office.

PROHIBITED ACTS. IT IS ILLEGAL TO:

- Shoot or attempt to kill any wildlife from any public road or highway. No person shall fire any firearm from, upon, along or across any public road or highway. No person shall knowingly fire any rifle from the enclosed lands of one person onto or across the enclosed lands of another without the permission of both persons.
- Use any dog to hunt, run or harass any big or trophy game animal, protected animal or furbearing animal except as otherwise provided by statute. The Commission shall regulate the use of dogs to take mountain lions and bobcats during hunting or trapping seasons.
- Transport illegally taken wildlife across state lines; such transportation is a violation of the Federal Lacey Act.
- Carry a firearm with a cartridge therein, or take any wildlife, while intoxicated or under the influence of any controlled substance.

RIGHT TO SEARCH. Any person authorized to enforce the Game and Fish Act may seize and take into custody any wildlife that has been unlawfully taken or that is unlawfully in possession. Any person authorized to enforce the provisions of the Game and Fish Act may search with a search warrant any place or property for any wildlife that the officer may have probable cause to believe was taken or is possessed unlawfully.

SHIPPING GAME ANIMALS OUT OF STATE. Except as otherwise exempt by state statute, no big or trophy game animal, or any part thereof, shall be shipped or transported from the state unless accompanied by the licensee who harvested the animal, in possession of a proper coupon, or unless the amount does not exceed twenty-five (25) pounds and is properly tagged with a Wyoming interstate game tag. Only twenty-five (25) pounds from any one (1) big or trophy game animal may be exported from the state except as otherwise provided; the part to be exported from the state is of a nonedible trophy or hidelike nature and properly tagged with a Wyoming interstate game tag; the big or trophy game animal was legally harvested by a nonresident and is tagged with a Wyoming interstate game tag.

SHIPPING GAME ANIMALS WITHIN WYOMING. No person shall ship, transport or receive for shipment or transportation within Wyoming, any game animal, game bird, or any part thereof, unless tagged with a Wyoming interstate game tag, or unless: the transportation is by a person accompanying the carcass of a big or trophy game animal who is in possession of a proper coupon, or the transportation is by a properly licensed game bird or small game hunter in possession of not more than his daily bag or possession limit.

USE OF AIRCRAFT, AUTOMOBILES, MOTORIZED AND SNOW VEHICLES AND ARTIFICIAL LIGHT FOR HUNTING OR FISHING

PROHIBITED; EXCEPTION. No person shall harass, pursue, hunt, shoot or kill any Wyoming wildlife except predatory animals with, from, or by use of any aircraft, automotive vehicle, trailer, motor-propelled wheeled vehicle or vehicle designed for travel over snow. No person shall use any aircraft to aid in the taking of any Wyoming wildlife, except predatory animals, whether by spotting or locating the wildlife, communicating with any person attempting to take the wildlife or by providing other aid to any person taking the wildlife. Nothing in this subsection shall apply to the use of any aircraft by governmental agencies, their employees, contractors or designees performing any lawful duties. No person shall take any wildlife with the aid of or by using any artificial light or lighting device except that predators may be taken with the aid of an artificial light or lighting device by:

- (i) A public officer authorized to and conducting predator control;
- (ii) A landowner, resident manager or person with the landowner's or a resident manager's written permission to take predators, on land under the landowner's control for the protection of his property.

It is prima facie evidence of a violation if a person uses an artificial light in an area that may be inhabited by wildlife while having in his possession and control any device for taking wildlife. This shall not prohibit the hunting on foot of raccoon with the aid of a handlight, provided the hunter is accompanied by a raccoon hunting dog and, if hunting on private lands, has the written permission of the landowner or his agent.

USE OF AIRCRAFT TO SPOT OR LOCATE WILDLIFE. No person shall use any aircraft to aid in the taking of any Wyoming wildlife, except predatory animals, whether by spotting or locating the wildlife, communicating with any person attempting to take the wildlife or by providing other aid to any person taking the wildlife within twenty-four (24) hours of being airborne. This section shall not apply to commercial, commuter or other aircraft used for the sole purpose of passenger transport.

VEHICLE RESTRICTIONS ON FEDERAL LAND. Sportsmen are advised that many areas of National Forest and Bureau of Land Management lands are subject to travel and vehicle use limitations to protect resources. Maps and additional information regarding these limitations are available at U.S. Forest Service, Bureau of Land Management and other agency offices near these public lands.

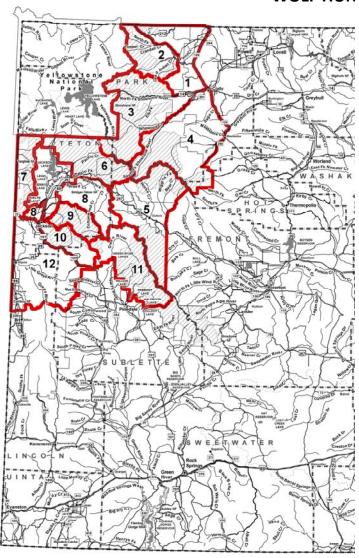
WILDLIFE DAMAGE MANAGEMENT STAMP. The Wyoming Legislature created the Wyoming Animal Damage Management Board to manage rabid wildlife, mitigate damage caused to livestock, wildlife and crops by predatory animals, predacious birds and depredating animals, and protect human health and safety. The legislation developed several sources of funding for the Board to carry out its responsibilities including the creation of a WILDLIFE DAMAGE MANAGEMENT STAMP. The fee for this stamp will be established annually by the Animal Damage Management Board. The stamp may be voluntarily purchased by those interested in funding the activities of the Board at all Commission license selling agents, at Department Regional Coffices and at Cheyenne Headquarters. Purchase of the stamp is not mandatory, but does provide sportsmen a voluntary means to fund predator management.

WILDLIFE VIOLATOR COMPACT. Wyoming is a member of the Wildlife Violator Compact. The Compact enables a violator from

any member state to accept a wildlife citation and proceed on his way without being required to post an appearance bond unless the violation requires MUST APPEAR and NO BOND ACCEPTED. The Compact recognizes the suspension of wildlife license privileges in the home state of any person whose license privileges have been suspended by a participating state. If you have had your privileges suspended in any of the participating states, you may lose your privileges in Wyoming, in addition to all the participating Compact states. Additional information about the Compact can be obtained by contacting the Wildlife Law Enforcement Coordinator at (307) 233-6413.

WIND RIVER RESERVATION. Only non-Indian owned, fee title lands are open to the taking of wildlife with a Wyoming license. Land status is complicated and lawful access must be investigated thoroughly. Sportsmen are advised it is their responsibility to determine land status prior to entering these areas.

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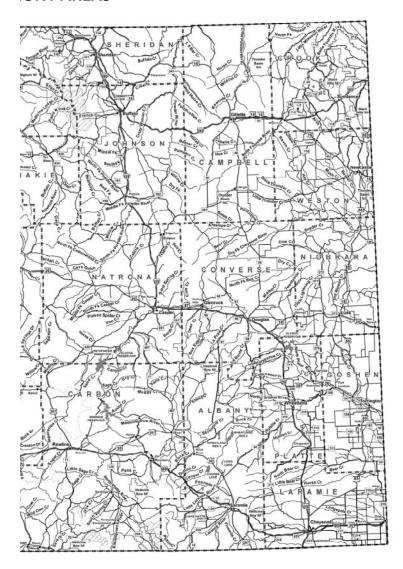


NOTE:

Gray Wolves are designated as predatory animals in all areas outside of Hunt Areas 1-11, except those areas of the state listed in Section 4(a) on Page 14. For Hunt Area 12, please refer to Section 4(j) on Page 15 for specific information regarding the Gray Wolf designation. Gray Wolves within Hunt Areas 1-11 are designated as trophy game animals.

Refer to Section 8 on Page 18 regarding the taking of Gray Wolves designated as predatory animals.

IUNT AREAS



THIS MAP IS FOR GENERAL REFERENCE ONLY.

Please use the written boundary descriptions in this regulation for detailed boundary information.

NOTE:

Wilderness areas, nonresident gray wolf hunters must have a licensed guide.

WYOMING GAME AND FISH COMMISSION CHAPTER 47 GRAY WOLF HUNTING SEASONS

Section 1. Authority. This regulation is promulgated by the authority of W.S. § 23-1-101, § 23-1-102, § 23-1-108, § 23-1-302, § 23-1-304, § 23-2-104, § 23-2-303, § 23-3-111, § 23-3-115 and § 23-3-304.

- **Section 2. Definitions.** For the purpose of this regulation, definitions shall be as set forth in Title 23, Wyoming Statutes and the Commission also adopts the following definitions:
- (a) "Mortality" means any legal or illegal human-caused gray wolf death that occurs during an open hunting season, excluding gray wolves taken by the Department, gray wolves taken under the authority of W.S. § 23-3-115(c), gray wolves taken under Lethal Take Permits and known natural and accidental gray wolf deaths.
- **Section 3. Hunting Seasons Established.** There shall be open seasons during 2014 for the hunting of gray wolves as set forth in this regulation. This regulation shall go into effect from and after the date gray wolves are removed from the federal list of experimental nonessential populations, endangered species or threatened species in Wyoming. This regulation shall remain in effect until modified or repealed by the Commission.

Section 4. Hunting Regulations for Gray Wolves Designated as Trophy Game Animals.

- (a) All gray wolves within the Wolf Trophy Game Management Area and Seasonal Wolf Trophy Game Management Area as described in W.S. § 23-1-101(a)(xii)(B)(I) and (II) are designated as trophy game animals. These regulations, and any allowance for hunting, do not apply to lands administered by the National Park Service within Grand Teton National Park or the National Elk Refuge. Gray wolves in Wyoming are designated as predatory animals as defined in W.S. § 23-1-101(a)(viii)(B) except for:
- (i) Those areas where gray wolves are designated as trophy game animals; and,
 - (ii) Yellowstone National Park; and,
- (iii) The Wind River Reservation, except on non-Indian owned fee titled lands.
- (b) Gray wolves designated as trophy game animals shall only be taken during open seasons with legal firearms and archery equipment as set forth in Commission regulation, except as otherwise provided by Wyoming statutes.
- (c) Open hours for the taking of gray wolves. Gray wolves may only be taken from one-half (1/2) hour before sunrise to one-half (1/2) hour after sunset.
- (d) No person, except as authorized by the Department, shall take a gray wolf with the use of or by the aid of radio tracking equipment.
- (e) Bag and possession limit. The bag and possession limits for any person with a proper license shall be one (1) gray wolf during any one (1) calendar year (January 1 December 31). Licensed hunters may take any gray wolf.

- (f) Reporting and registering kills. Hunters taking a gray wolf in the hunt areas described in Section 6 shall retain the pelt and skull from each gray wolf for registration purposes. Even if the skull is damaged, it shall accompany the pelt for registration purposes. Visible external evidence of sex shall remain naturally attached to the pelt. The pelt and skull shall be presented in an unfrozen condition to allow collection of biological samples and to determine the age and sex of the gray wolf.
- (i) Within twenty-four (24) hours after taking a gray wolf, the licensee shall report the taking of a gray wolf by calling toll free **1-800-264-1280**. The report shall include the name and phone number of the person making the report, hunter's name and license number, date of the kill and location of the site of kill to include hunt area.
- (ii) Within five (5) days after taking a gray wolf, the licensee taking the gray wolf shall present the pelt and skull to a district game warden, district wildlife biologist or Department personnel at a Game and Fish Department Regional Office during business hours for registration. The licensee shall provide his license number, date of kill and location of the site of kill to include hunt area, section, township and range or UTM coordinates.
- (iii) Any person who makes a false statement on the registration form shall be in violation of this regulation and, such violation shall be punishable as provided by Title 23, Wyoming Statutes for violation of Commission regulations.
- (g) Surrender of electronic radio tracking devices. Any person taking a gray wolf wearing an electronic radio tracking device within the hunt areas described in Section 6 shall surrender the device to the Department in accordance with registration dates in Section 4(f)(ii).
- (h) Hunt Areas, Season Dates, Mortality Quota and Limitations.

	Season Dates		
Hunt Area	Opens	Closes	Mortality Quota
1	Oct. 1	Dec. 31	3
2	Oct. 1	Dec. 31	5
3	Oct. 1	Dec. 31	7
4	Oct. 1	Dec. 31	4
5	Oct. 1	Dec. 31	6
6	Oct. 1	Dec. 31	3; SEE SECTION 4(i)
7	Oct. 1	Dec. 31	1
8	Oct. 1	Dec. 31	6
9	Oct. 1	Dec. 31	2
10	Oct. 1	Dec. 31	3
11	Oct. 1	Dec. 31	2
12	Oct. 15	Dec. 31	1; SEE SECTION 4(j)

- (i) Gray wolf hunting shall be closed in that portion of Hunt Area 6 in the John D. Rockefeller Jr. Memorial Parkway.
- (j) Gray wolves located in Hunt Area 12 are designated as trophy game animals from October 15 through the last day of February in the subsequent year, but the hunting season shall

end on December 31 or when the mortality quota is filled, whichever occurs first, as set forth in Section 4(h). Gray wolves located in Hunt Area 12 are designated as predatory animals from March 1 through October 14 and during this time period may be taken without a license.

- (k) Hunt area mortality quota limitation. The gray wolf hunting season shall close in each wolf hunt area when the mortality quota for that area has been reached. If the mortality quota is not reached, the season shall close upon the date specified in Section 4(h). Prior to hunting, it is the hunter's responsibility to confirm the hunt area the person intends to hunt is open. The status of hunt area closures shall be available twenty-four (24) hours a day by calling toll free **1-800-264-1280**.
- **Section 5. Archery.** Gray wolves may be taken with legal archery equipment in all hunt areas as set forth in Section 4 of this Chapter.

Section 6. Hunt Area Descriptions.

- (a) Area and Number.
- Area 1. Clarks Fork. All of the area north of the Clark's Fork River and west of Wyoming Highway 120; all of the drainage of Pat O'Hara Creek, Paint Creek, Newmeyer Creek and Dead Indian Gulch west of Wyoming Highway 120; all of the drainage of Jim Creek, Trout Creek and Rattlesnake Creek north of the North Fork of the Shoshone River; all of the drainage of Cottonwood Creek, Dry Creek and Trail Creek west of Wyoming Highway 120.
- **Area 2. Sunlight.** All of the drainage of Soda Butte Creek outside of Yellowstone National Park; all of the south drainage of the Clark's Fork River down to and including the drainage of Dead Indian Creek.
- Area 3. Absaroka. All of the north and west drainage of the North Fork of the Shoshone River down to but excluding the drainage of Jim Creek; all of the south drainage of the North Fork of the Shoshone River outside of Yellowstone National Park; all of the north and west drainage of the South Fork of the Shoshone River below and including the drainage of Ishawooa Creek; all of the drainage of the Yellowstone River upstream from Yellowstone Lake outside of Yellowstone National Park.
- Area 4. Greybull. Beginning where Wyoming Highway 120 crosses the Shoshone River in the town of Cody; southerly along said highway to the Greybull River in the town of Meeteetse; southwesterly up said river to the Wood River; southwesterly up said river to the Shoshone National Forest boundary; southerly along said boundary to the Hot Springs County-Fremont County line; northwesterly along said county line to the Park County-Fremont County line; northwesterly then southwesterly along said county line to the Continental Divide at Crescent Mountain; northerly along said divide to the divide between the Yellowstone River drainage and the South Fork of the Shoshone River drainage; northerly along said divide to the divide between Ishawooa Creek and the South Fork of the Shoshone River; northeasterly along said divide to the South Fork of the Shoshone River; northeasterly down said river to the Shoshone River at Buffalo Bill Reservoir; easterly down said river to Wyoming Highway 120.
- **Area 5. Wind River.** All of the drainage of the Wind River west of the west boundary of the Wind River Reservation.
- Area 6. Pacific Creek. Beginning where the Continental Divide crosses the south boundary of Yellowstone National Park; southeasterly then southwesterly along said divide to U.S. Highway 26-287 at Togwotee Pass; westerly along said highway to the east boundary of Grand Teton National Park;

northwesterly along said boundary to the Targhee National Forest boundary; northerly along said boundary to the southern boundary of Yellowstone National Park; easterly along said boundary to the Continental Divide.

- Area 7. Targhee. Beginning where Wyoming Highway 22 crosses the Wyoming-Idaho state line; northerly along said line to the southern boundary of Yellowstone National Park; easterly along said boundary to the Caribou-Targhee National Forest boundary with the John D. Rockefeller Jr. Memorial Parkway boundary; southerly along said boundary to the Grand Teton National Park boundary; southerly along said boundary to the Bridger-Teton National Forest boundary; southerly along said boundary to Teton Pass and Wyoming Highway 22; westerly along said highway to the Wyoming-Idaho state line.
- Area 8. Fish Creek. Beginning where U.S. Highway 26-287 crosses the east boundary of Grand Teton National Park; easterly along said highway to the Continental Divide at Togwotee Pass; southerly along said divide to the Union Pass Road (U.S.F.S. Road 600); westerly then southerly along said road to the Darwin Ranch Road (U.S.F.S. Road 620); westerly along said road to Kinky Creek; northwesterly down said creek to the Gros Ventre River; northwesterly down said river to the east boundary of Grand Teton National Park east of the town of Kelly; northerly along said boundary to U.S. Highway 26-287. In addition, a noncontiguous area shall be included in the hunt area described as beginning where the Caribou-Targhee National Forest boundary crosses Wyoming Highway 22 at Teton Pass; northerly along said boundary to the Grand Teton National Park boundary; northeasterly then southerly along said boundary to U.S. Highway 26-89-191; southerly along said highway to its junction with Wyoming Highway 22; westerly along said highway to Teton Pass.
- Area 9. Crystal Creek. Beginning where the Gros Ventre River crosses the National Elk Refuge boundary near the town of Kelly; southeasterly up said river to Kinky Creek; southeasterly up said creek to the Darwin Ranch Road (U.S.F.S. Road 620); southerly along said road to the divide between the Green River and Gros Ventre River; southwesterly along said divide to the divide between the Gros Ventre River and Hoback River north of Hodges Peak; northwesterly along said divide to the divide between Granite Creek and Flat Creek northwest of Pyramid Peak; southwesterly along said divide to the divide between Flat Creek and Cache Creek at Cache Peak; northwesterly along said divide to the divide between Twin Creeks and Cache Creek; northwesterly along said divide to the National Elk Refuge boundary; northeasterly along said boundary to the Gros Ventre River.
- Area 10. Rim. Beginning where U.S. Highway 26-89-191 crosses Flat Creek at the north edge of the town of Jackson; due east to the National Elk Refuge boundary; easterly along said boundary to the Bridger-Teton National Forest boundary and the ridge between Twin Creeks and Cache Creek; southeasterly along said ridge and the divide between Flat Creek and Cache Creek to Cache Peak; easterly along the divide between Flat Creek and Granite Creek to Pyramid Peak; southeasterly along the divide between the Gros Ventre River and the Hoback River to Steamboat Peak; southeasterly along said divide to the divide between the Green River and the Hoback River at Hodges Peak; southerly along said divide to U.S. Highway 189-191 at Hoback Rim; northwesterly along said highway to the intersection with U.S. Highway 26-89-191; northerly along said highway to where it crosses Flat Creek at the north edge of the town of Jackson.
- Area 11. Green River. Beginning where the Union Pass Road (U.S.F.S. Road 600) intersects the Continental Divide; southerly along said divide to the Middle Fork of Boulder Creek; westerly down said creek to Boulder Creek; westerly down said creek to the Bridger-Teton National Forest boundary;

northwesterly along said boundary to its intersection with U.S. Highway 189-191 at the divide between the Hoback River and the Green River (Hoback Rim); northerly along said divide to the divide between the Green River and the Gros Ventre River at Hodges Peak; northeasterly along said divide to the Darwin Ranch Road (U.S.F.S. Road 620); easterly along said road to the Union Pass Road (U.S.F.S. Road 600); northerly then easterly along said road to the Continental Divide.

Area 12. Alpine. Beginning where the Bridger-Teton National Forest boundary intersects U.S. Highway 189-191 at the divide between the Hoback River and the Green River (Hoback Rim); westerly and then southerly along said forest boundary to its intersection with McDougal Gap Road (U.S.F.S. Road 10125); westerly along said road to Grey's River Road (U.S.F.S. Road 10138); southerly along said road to Sheep Creek; westerly down said creek to Grey's River; southwesterly up said river to Bear Creek; southwesterly up said creek to the hydrographic divide between Bear Creek and Willow Creek; west from said divide to Willow Creek Road (U.S.F.S. Road 10080); northwesterly along said road to Lincoln County Road 123; southerly along said road to Grover Park Road (U.S.F.S. Road 10081); southerly then westerly along said road to Lincoln County Road 172; westerly along said road to the junction with Wyoming Highway 237; westerly along said highway to Wyoming Highway 238; southerly along said highway to Lincoln County Road 134; westerly along said road to the Wyoming Idaho state line; north along said state line to Wyoming Highway 22; easterly along said highway to the intersection with U.S. Highway 26-89-191 in the town of Jackson; southerly along said highway to the Bridger-Teton National Forest boundary at the divide between the Hoback River and the Green River (Hoback Rim).

Section 7. Area Closures. Areas administered by the U.S. Forest Service, Bureau of Land Management or the Wyoming Game and Fish Commission in which human presence is prohibited to protect wintering wildlife shall be closed to gray wolf hunting during the time period for which the areas have been closed to human presence.

Section 8. Take of Wolves Designated as Predatory Animals.

- (a) Any person who takes a wolf designated as a predatory animal as set forth in Section 4(a) shall be required to report the kill to a district game warden, district wildlife biologist or Department personnel at a Game and Fish Department Regional Office within ten (10) days after the date the wolf was killed. The person shall be required to provide his or her name and address, the date the wolf was killed, the sex of the wolf and the location of the site of kill (identified by the section, range and township or UTM coordinates). In addition, the Department may request the person to voluntarily provide a genetics sample from the wolf for testing to assess genetic connectivity.
- (b) Surrender of electronic radio tracking devices. Any person taking a gray wolf designated as a predatory animal as set forth in Section 4(a) wearing an electronic radio tracking device shall surrender the device to the Department when registering a wolf in accordance with registration dates in Section 8(a).
- **Section 9. Violation of Commission Regulations.** Failure to abide by the provisions of this regulation shall be punishable as provided by Wyoming statutes for violation of Commission regulations.

Section 10. Savings Clause. If any provision of this regulation shall be held to be illegal or unconstitutional, such a ruling shall not affect other provisions of this regulation which can be given effect without the illegal or unconstitutional provision; and, to this end, the provisions of this regulation shall be severable.

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